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SUBJECT: FLUORIDATION OF WOLVERHAMPTON WATER SUPPLY

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1. MATERIAL DETAILING RESPONSE TO REFTEL BEING POUCHED TO SCIATT.

2. QUOTING FROM OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF MARCH 1976: "U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUPPORTS FLUORIDATION OF COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES AS A SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMICAL MEASURE TO REDUCE THE ATTACK RATE AND TREATMENT COSTS OF ONE OF THE MOST PREVALENT AND DESTRUCTIVE OF DISEASES (DENTAL DECAY)."

3. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS KEYED TO REFTEL:

A. NEW YORK CITY HAS CONTINUALLY FLUORIDATED WATER SUPPLY SINCE SEPTEMBER 1965. LOS ANGELES HAS NEVER INTRODUCED FLUORIDATION. KANSAS CITY, KANSAS HAS FLUORIDATED SINCE JULY 1964. KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FLUORIDATED 1962 TO 1964. SAN DIEGO FLUORIDATED 1952 TO 1954. OF NOTE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT OF 26 COMMUNITIES HAVING POPULATIONS 500,000 OR OVER

ONLY 6 ARE NOT REPEAT NOT FLUORIDATED.

B. WHERE DISCONTINUED, DECISION CONSIDERED CONTRARY TO
OPINIONS OF MAJORITY OF RESEARCH SCIENTISTS AND
ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. COST IS MINOR
FACTOR RANGING 10 TO 20 CENTS PER CAPITA PER YEAR.

C. NATIONAL AND STATE WATER AUTHORITIES REFUTE ALLEGED
CORROSION DAMAGE. KISSINGER

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